

N. H. TAFT MEN
THROWN DOWNFailed to Get an Expression
of Sympathy

IN CONVENTION PLATFORM

A Pre-convention Meeting of the Com-
mittee on Resolutions To-day Was
the Scene of Their Discom-
fiture.

Concord, N. H., April 21.—The Taft men were beaten this morning in a fight in the committee on resolutions to have an expression of preference for a presidential candidate incorporated in the platform to be presented to the Republican state convention which met at 11 a. m. The platform definitely declared against an expression of sympathy for any presidential candidate.

It favored immediate revision of the tariff, endorsed the Gallinger ship-subsidy bill, the pension legislation of the present session of Congress and the course of the New Hampshire representatives regarding the White Mountain forest reserve bill. The administration of President Roosevelt was also heartily approved.

There was no opposition to the delegates-at-large, slated by the organization as follows: U. S. Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, Chester B. Jordan of Lancaster, F. G. Eastman of Exeter and Edwin F. Jones of Manchester.

The Taft men had to be satisfied to an agreement that a resolution expressing Taft preference be presented after the platform was read. Then a motion to lay on the table to be made on the ground that since the delegates-at-large favor Taft, there is no need of such formal resolution. The motion is undebatable and undoubtedly will prevail.

The convention is also interesting as lining up the candidates for governor of the state. Two avowed candidates at present are Rosecrans W. Pillsbury of Berry and Bertram Ellis Keene, speaker of the House of Representatives.

Other names have been mentioned during the last three months, including President John Seamon of the state senate, A. Crosby Kennett of Conway, Estabrook of Nashua, Walker of Portsmouth, Upham of Claremont, and others, but they have dropped out of the limelight.

But within a day or two a change has come over the scene. It now looks as though the Hon. Henry M. Putney of Manchester was planning for one of the stiffest fights of his long political career. New Hampshire Republicans are aware that the Manchester man has no political love for Candidate Pillsbury.

For several years past Mr. Pillsbury has made no secret of the fact that he desired the removal of Mr. Putney as railroad commissioner, and for that reason Mr. Putney desired Pillsbury's political scalp, and he is now after it with a long knife.

Last night's caucus to nominate officers for today's convention resulted in the selection of the following list:

For president—John McLean, Milford. Vice presidents—Warren Brown, Hampden Falls; John T. Britton, Dover; Thomas E. Hunt, Guilford; H. A. Tuttle, Pittsfield; John B. Smith, Hillsborough; Albert Abbott, Jeffrey; George A. Dorr, Newport; H. F. Hoyt, Hanover and John B. Noyes, Berlin.

Resolutions—A. S. Wetherell, Exeter; Willie McDuffie, Rochester; H. B. Quinn, Lacombe; Joseph Leavand, Wolfeboro; Omar A. Towne, Franklin; Thomas Chalmers, Manchester; H. F. Fay, Keene; F. A. Barton, Lempseter; D. Currier, Canaan; A. R. Ebbas, Gorham.

Credentials—L. S. Bartlett, Kingston; W. S. Lawrence, Somerville; Ellsworth H. Rollins, Alton; W. J. Britton, Wolfeboro; E. C. Niles, Concord; W. D. Swart, Nashua; K. M. Chaplin, Fitzwilliam; Moses O. Burpee, Grantland; R. C. Langford, Littleton; Warren E. Drew, Colebrook.

Secretaries—L. Ashton Thorp, Manchester; B. H. Harriman, Stratford; A. M. Sanborn, Fremont; H. M. Young, Manchester; A. A. Tyler, Lacombe.

Sergeant-at-arms—John X. Law, New London.

Doorkeepers—A. P. Davis, Concord; George A. Rainville, Manchester; W. J. A. Ward, Hillsborough; W. W. Critchett, Concord.

The Defeated Taft Resolution.

The following is the resolution which the Taft association submitted to the committee after a meeting last night.

"Resolved, That while we are in favor of sending an unqualified delegation to Chicago, it is our earnest belief that the man for the time above all others, embodying every element of a triumphant candidate and a successful administration, is the Hon. William H. Taft of Ohio."

COTTAGE ROBBERY.

Is Charge Against Men Held at Gardner, Mass.

Ellsworth, Me., April 21.—City Marshal Brown started yesterday for Gardner, Mass., to get Precinct T. Dix and a man named Brooks, who have been arrested there charged with the camp and cottage robberies at Green Lake and Shady Nook, and the store of C. W. Grindall of this city. One other man, who, it is alleged, has been in their company, is known, but has not been arrested as yet.

In all about thirty breaks are charged to them and it is understood the evidence will be presented to the grand jury now in session. The total value of property stolen and destroyed is estimated at \$4,000.

DEAD IN PRISON,
WALLACE H. HAMFormer Treasurer of St. Paul's Church
in Boston Was Serving Long
Sentence for Larceny.

Boston, April 21.—The death of Wallace H. Ham, former treasurer of St. Paul's church of this city, custodian of funds of the St. Luke's Home for Convalescents and unbounded manager of the American Surety company, who was serving a sentence in the state prison of fifteen to twenty years for the larceny of \$14,000, was announced last night. Ham died at the state prison hospital Sunday, death being due to general decline both of mind and of body. He was sentenced in 1904. Ham was born in Maryland 52 years ago.

Present in Episcopal church circles and in business affairs, Ham was greatly trusted, and his downfall in 1904, due to unfortunate speculations, it is said, caused a sensation.

When he was but 25 years old, he was made treasurer of St. Paul's church, being entrusted with all the funds and property of that society. Later he was picked by Bishop Lawrence of the Massachusetts diocese as an ideal man to take charge of about \$10,000 in funds of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents, of which Bishop Lawrence was president.

In 1898, further responsibilities were placed on Ham's shoulders, when he was placed as manager at the head of the New England office of the American Surety company, these three positions placing him in unquestioned control of about \$400,000. Even as manager of the surety company, whose business it was to bond handlers of money, he was not required to furnish bonds. He received a good income, his salary from the surety company being \$6,000.

A few ventures in the stock market led him deeper into speculation, until to cover his margins he was obliged to draw upon the funds in his possession. These losses, it is believed, continued for two years before they were suspected.

Finally, discrepancies in Ham's accounts were noted by a New York auditor for the surety company, and upon being asked to produce the company's bonds, he broke down and confessed all. He was arrested at his office on State street, Feb. 25, 1904, and was indicted by the grand jury for the larceny of \$14,000 from the surety company and \$24,000 from the treasury of St. Luke's home. No prosecution followed because of his larceny of the funds of St. Paul's church.

Changing his previous plea of not guilty to guilty, Ham threw himself upon the mercy of the court, and after a severe arraignment by Justice Harris, was sentenced to not less than fifteen nor more than twenty years at hard labor in state prison. Ham was married fourteen years ago and leaves a widow. The body was turned over to Mrs. Ham, who had always remained loyal to him.

FIRST STEP TO FREE

HARRY K. THAW

It Was Application for Order on Super-
intendent of Matteawan Prison to
Permit Prisoner to Sign Habeas
Corpus Paper.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 21.—The first step in proceedings looking to the release of Harry K. Thaw from the state asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan was taken yesterday. James G. Graham of Newburg, formerly secretary for Governor Odell, appeared as Thaw's counsel before Justice Morschauer of the New York state supreme court at White Plains and made application for an order directing the superintendent of the asylum to permit Thaw to sign an application for a writ of habeas corpus.

The order was promptly granted and promptly will be served upon the acting superintendent of the asylum at once. According to the usual procedure in such cases, Thaw will sign the application for a writ of habeas corpus, which will then be submitted to a justice of the supreme court, probably Justice Morschauer. Such writs are always granted and the date when the writ is returnable is fixed to suit the convenience of all parties concerned. The next step will be for Thaw to determine whether he will be released from the asylum as sane. Probably this hearing will be held before Justice Morschauer at Poughkeepsie.

This method of securing the release of a prisoner at the state asylum is the one usually taken when the state lunacy commission isn't willing to declare that the prisoner is sane. Whether an expression from the commission has been had could not be learned here.

JEROME WILL OPPOSE.

Will Go Before the Justice When Thaw
Appears.

New York, April 21.—District Attorney Jerome when told last night that an effort was being made to have Harry K. Thaw released from the Matteawan asylum for the insane, said that he and Assistant District Attorney Frank Garvan would go before Justice Morschauer at White Plains if the latter granted the writ of habeas corpus to James G. Graham of Newburg, one of Thaw's counsel. District Attorney Jerome is opposed to Thaw being released from the asylum.

HAVE OFFERED \$10,000
FOR WRESTLING MATCH

Between "Russian Lion" and Frank Gotch
to Come Off Either in England or
on Some Neutral Soil.

London, April 21.—"Russian Lion" Hackenschmidt's manager announced to-day that Lord Lansdale and A. G. Vandervelt have offered to put up a \$10,000 purse for a match between him and Frank Gotch, between August 1st, either in England or on neutral soil, preferably France. Hack is anxious to accept, but Gotch is not yet heard from.

THROUGH HOLE
IN THE WALLSix Horses Were Removed
From Fire Ruins

THREE HOURS AFTERWARDS

H. C. Smith's Livery Stable in Burling-
ton Burned This Morning and
Seven Animals Perished—
Insurance \$6,000.

Burlington, April 21.—There was an insurance of \$6,000 on the livery stable of H. C. Smith, which was burned this morning. The loss was \$8,000. A remarkable feature of the fire was that six horses survived the fire and were led out through a hole chopped in the wall three hours after the fire. Seven horses were burned.

The fire was discovered at one o'clock by M. J. Daley who was walking along Main street. He notified the police, and Officer Cosgrove rang an alarm from box 43. An hour later the property was in ruins. The work of fighting the fire was difficult as the burning hay made a dense smoke. While the firemen directed several streams of water on the blazing structure, the employees of the stable wheeled out many vehicles and saved some of the harnesses and office furniture. A dozen double wagons were saved. During it all, the neighing and stamping of the imprisoned horses could be heard above the cracking of the flames. In the left were stored many sleighs, cutters and wagons.

A valuable pair of horses owned by J. Barrows of Winnow, which had been left in the stable after the night because the roads were so slippery that Mr. Barrows didn't attempt to drive them home, were among the animals that were destroyed.

The proprietor of the stable stated during the fire that he did not think he would start in business again. "This fire will break me," he said. "The last fire I had was a lucky one, but this one isn't. I have a lot of valuable clothes and other personal articles in the barn there, all of which will be a total loss."

The Craven block is located nearby, and its occupants packed their goods up short notice and were ready to move out when the flames should approach them. The Hyland block on the opposite corner was also in danger, while just south, and enveloped in smoke, was the Free Press building. In the rear were Ex-Mayor Burke's property and the Brighton stables, although these were not in imminent danger.

BARN AND STOCK BURNED.

Fire at The Cyrus P. Dustin Place in
Contoocook, N. H.

Concord, N. H., April 21.—Fire broke out last night about 9 o'clock in the large set of farm buildings owned by Cyrus T. Dustin, occupying a prominent place in Contoocook village. The heavy rain that was falling saved the adjoining property.

The cause has been discovered for the blaze, which started in the long livery building, which was used for storing hay and grain. The flames quickly spread to the big barn, but heroic work by the neighbors and family saved the main part of the house from destruction. The barn contained a large amount of live stock all of which was burned, except one horse owned by C. B. McKinley.

Over twenty tons of hay and a large amount of farming implements and tools were destroyed. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

CITIZENS WILL HELP

To Restore T. C. A. S. Main School Build-
ing at Poultony.

Poultony, April 21.—Stirred by the rumor that Troy Conference academy might be moved to some other town, the residents of Poultony last night held a mass meeting and voted to raise money by popular subscription to help rebuild the main school building, which was burned last Saturday.

Honey Melloy Knocked Out.

Boston, April 21.—Harry Lewis of Philadelphia knocked out Honey Melloy of Charlestown in the fourth round, of what was to have been a 12-round bout at the Armory Athletic association last night. Lewis scored a knockout, and in point of cleverness outclassed Melloy. The Philadelphia man used a left jab to the face continually and Melloy could not get at him.

United States Express Dividend.

New York, April 21.—The directors of the United States Express company yesterday declared a semi-annual dividend of \$2 a share payable May 15. This is a reduction of \$1 per share as compared with the dividend of November last and a return to the dividend declared before that time.

Attell in The Eighth.

Seattle, Wash., April 21.—Abie Attell of San Francisco last night won from Eddie Kelly of Buffalo in the eighth round.

The property of the Pownall Stone Co., a corporation organized for the purpose of manufacturing crushed stone to be used in building highways in the state of New York, was sold at auction this week on a foreclosure secured by Jarvis P. O'Brien, of Troy, who acts as trustee for the bondholders. The business may be resumed.

FOUND MORE BONES
IN CHELSEA RUINSThey Are Thought to Be Remains of
John Gilbrook or William Morris—
Great Crowds View Ruins.

Boston, April 21.—Another body was taken from the ruins of the Chelsea fire late yesterday by workmen digging in the cellar of 114 Central avenue. Identification was impossible, as the bones were badly charred and there were no articles in the vicinity by which the name of the victim could be learned. Presumably the body is either that of John Gilbrook, a cigarmaker, or William Morris, a shoe-maker, both of whom lived there and have been missing since the conflagration.

A holiday crowd estimated at about 100,000 people flocked to the scene of the fire yesterday, but for the most part they were orderly and gave the militia and police little trouble. The greater part of the throng pressed around the groups of workmen digging for bodies. The Salvation Army took the advantage of so many people and stationed their representatives at crowded places with coin boxes soliciting aid for the sufferers.

City Physician Chase made an inspection of the sanitary conditions of the state of affairs in that part of the Jewish quarter, which escaped the flames. In one kitchen there were twelve cold beds, and expressed the fear that unless conditions were remedied there would be an epidemic. The rag dealers, in whose quarters it is believed by some that the fire gained its headway, were given a forty-eight hours' notice last night to remove from the city limits. This step was taken at the instance of Dr. Chase after a consultation with the military authorities. It is feared that the rags might cause a pestilence which in the city's present state of unpreparedness would result seriously.

April 21.—Evidence regarding incendiaryism at the Chelsea conflagration is being heard today by Deputy Chief J. C. Neal of the state police behind closed doors in the Chelsea police court. Each witness is heard privately. Mayor Becke will be one of the witnesses.

DID NOT ARREST

BENEDICT SHANAHAN

But Police Questioned Him as to, What
He Knew About Annie Mullins,
The Murdered Girl.

Boston, April 21.—When Benedict Shanahan arrived here yesterday on the fisherman Mary and Ellen, he was met by several of the Arlington police, who took him to that city for the purpose of questioning him regarding Annie Mullins, who was murdered on the night of March 27 last.

Shanahan was a friend of Miss Mullins and was in this city on the night of the murder. He also attended the wake and visited his brother at Maynard five days after the murder. He left on a fishing trip on April 2.

The police found that Shanahan knew Miss Mullins not only at St. Johns, N. F., where both of them were born, but while she was a resident of South Boston. A week before the murder Shanahan was an inmate of the Marine hospital in Chelsea for a dislocated shoulder.

No effort was made by the Arlington police to arrest him, but simply to obtain what information he might have concerning Miss Mullins.

FLEE TO ITALY

TO ESCAPE PUBLICITY

Prince Helle and Anna Gould Will Meet
in Naples on Thursday, It Is
Admitted.

Paris, April 21.—Prince Helle De Sagan, left for Italy at 10:10 last night. Mme. Anna Gould is due in Naples Thursday and will meet him there. Tracked by reporters in autos to a friend's chateau the prince admitted last night he fled to Paris to escape the newspaper men, with whom, after his experience in New York, he considered himself too much worn out to cope.

"The reports that we were married in New Jersey," he said, "were as untrue as those of the Gould family dinners at which my fate is said to have been discussed. My future is in the hands of God and you know whom besides."

BIG FIREMEN'S BALL.

Was Given By White River Junction De-
partment Last Night.

White River Junction, April 21.—The sixtieth annual concert and ball of the White River Junction fire department was given last evening in Gates opera house, and was a great success. There were about 100 couples on the floor and the balcony was crowded. The dance order contained eighteen numbers, and an orchestra from Franklin furnished music. The executive committee consisted of A. B. Hebard, W. C. Rennehan and A. C. Van Sleet, and the committee of introduction was composed of the officers of the company. A. H. Dutton, O. M. Givens, W. C. Rennehan and F. H. Perkins.

STORMY MEETING
OF COMPANY B

Majority of Non-Commissioned Officers
of St. Albans Militia Have Tes-
tered Their Resignations.

St. Albans, April 21.—At a stormy meeting of Company B, V. N. G., held last evening, Capt. H. K. Brooks refused to pay some of the men, for the reason that all of their equipment had not been turned in, according to orders. After a hot discussion a majority of the non-commissioned officers tendered their resignations to the captain.

Promotions on Grand Trunk.

Montreal, April 21.—J. A. Dalrymple has been appointed freight traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, with headquarters at Winnipeg. He is succeeded as general freight agent of the Grand Trunk by C. A. Hayes, assistant general freight agent at Chicago, who will be succeeded by R. L. Burman, now general freight agent of the Central Vermont railway. St. Albans, Vt. Mr. Burman's successor will be C. E. Dewey of Montreal.

DEMAND HER
RELEASEMildred Brewster Brought
Back to Montpelier

FROM THE INSANE ASYLUM

Woman Found Not Guilty of Mur-
dering Anna Wheeler by Rea-
son of Insanity.

Today, ten years after the Montpelier tragedy which ended in the death of Anna Wheeler and her own incarceration in the state insane asylum at Waterbury, after she had been declared not guilty of murder by reason of insanity, Mildred Brewster was brought to Montpelier to appear at the hearing on the petition for her release. This is the first time that Mildred Brewster has been in Montpelier since her trial, and, in fact, the first time that she has been out of the confines of the institution at Waterbury since confinement.

The crime for which she was arrested and tried took place just off College street, on Seminary hill in Montpelier, on the morning of May 29, 1898. The girls were rivals for Jack Wheeler's love, and the Brewster girl was very jealous of her rival. On the morning of the crime they started out for a walk and when nearly in front of Jack Wheeler's house the Brewster woman drew a revolver from her dress and shot Anna, then leveling the weapon at herself. Both were taken to the hospital, where the victim of her rival's frenzy died, and the other recovered, to be tried and after a memorable session to be found not guilty, as noted above.

Accompanied by Sheriff Tracy and Mrs. Tracy, the latter of whom was returning to her home in Montpelier after a visit in Waterbury, Mildred came to Montpelier this afternoon, reaching there shortly before one o'clock. Riding into Montpelier she was seated with Mrs. Tracy and for the most of the time the two engaged in conversation, during which the prisoner allowed her eyes to wander about in a nervous manner as if laboring under considerable excitement, but nothing more than would be expected in any person under such circumstances.

She was dressed almost entirely in black, neatly and well. The only relief from the somberness of her garments was a dash of white in the decorations of her hat. Shortly before two o'clock this afternoon she was taken to the Supreme court room at the State House, where the hearing was held.

Prior to that time, the deposition of Dr. George S. Foster of Putney, a supervisor of the insane asylum, had been taken as it was necessary for her to return to her home. In his deposition, Dr. Foster stated he did not consider the woman insane at any period of the entire nine years during which he had been a supervisor of the asylum, when he had occasion to see her during his official visits. He was not a supervisor when Mildred was placed in the institution. He recommended that she be discharged from the asylum.

Dr. Foster furthermore said that if she had been committed to the institution from a probate court rather than from a criminal court, she would have been released long before this.

Judge Alfred A. Hall presided at the hearing, with Assistant Judge L. R. Wells present. The petitioner was represented by Attorneys W. A. Lord and Fred B. Carleton, while State's Attorney Gates represented the interests of the state. When the woman entered the court room she was apparently quite composed. She was somewhat pale, showing the effects of her long confinement.

John C. Cattaneo is the official reporter of the hearing. The first witness summoned was Dr. W. P. Upton, formerly an official at the asylum.

WILL BE COMMITTED.

Mrs. Edward Johnson of Montpelier to
Be Taken to Asylum.

Papers committing Mrs. Edward Johnson of Montpelier to the state insane asylum will be made out soon. Mrs. Johnson, during a fit of mental depression on Sunday, due to illness, eluded her nurse and husband, climbed out a second-story window and jumped from a porch to the ground, being taken back soon afterwards when her absence was discovered. She did not suffer any serious injury from her experience.

That the woman attempted to commit suicide is denied by all concerned. It is said that she had a sort of mania that if she could get out of her house she would escape the disease which was confining her.

WOMAN'S BODY IN POAD.

Mrs. Wood Had Left Asylum on Short
Parole.

Providence, R. I., April 21.—The body of Mrs. Edward L. Wood of Knightsville was found floating in the Cranston print works pond yesterday. Mrs. Wood, who had been an inmate of Butler hospital for the insane for some time when she was taken here to an Easter church service which she suddenly disappeared. She was 48 years old.

TWO INCHES OF SNOW.

Has Fallen at St. Albans and It's Nearly
Zero Weather.

St. Albans, April 21.—There has been two inches of snow fallen here since yesterday afternoon and this morning the mercury was down to within a few degrees of zero. The sugar season still continues but the makers are beginning to think it is useless to make any more as the market is glutted.

39 AUTOS IN BARRE.

The Number of Motor Car Enthusiasts
Is Continually Growing.

Although Barre is not so well situated in regard to level stretches and highways as some of the other cities of the state the Granite city is gaining rapidly in the number of automobiles owned and operated by its citizens. The fever has not got in its strongest work as yet this season, but the new cars are beginning to appear on the streets and more are expected to come soon in the season.

Among those who have invested in the gasoline conveyances this season are Gale Bennett, W. G. Reynolds and C. N. Kenyon, all of whom have purchased four-cylinder Cadillac touring cars. John W. Gordon, B. W. Hooker and D. M. Miles pin their faith to the Hagons and have purchased four-cylinder cars of that make. Bert H. Wells has invested in a four-cylinder Ford and E. W. Blahoe and George W. Mann believe, from experience, in the merits of the Stanley steamers and have purchased new machines of that make.

The only new ventures in the automobile field so far this season are B. W. Hooker and H. A. Holt, the latter of whom purchased a E. W. Blahoe the Stanley which he ran last season. There are thought to be several others upon whom the fever has a strong hold and who may succumb before the close of the season.

The machines already purchased this season make a total of 39 owned in the city, there having been 24 last year, some of which the owners exchanged for new ones. In Barre Town there are five or six owned.

HEARING DAMAGE CASE.

That of Waterbury Centre Man Against
the Rutland Railroad.

In Washington county court to-day was heard the case of W. G. Simpson of Waterbury Centre against the Rutland railroad, a jury having been secured yesterday afternoon on the re-opening of court. Judge Waterman is presiding.

Suit is brought in this case to recover \$15,000 to damages alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff in the wreck at Vergennes, December 1, 1906. A companion case of Mabel E. Simpson, wife of the plaintiff in the case now on trial, against the Rutland railroad, will probably not be tried this term. The legal array engaged is formidable. Harvey and Harvey and T. W. Moloney of Rutland appear for the plaintiff; Senter & Senter, H. H. Powers and P. M. Meldon for the defendant company.

Mr. Simpson was on the stand this forenoon. He bared his leg to show marks of the injury.

Gold for Popular Juror.

After court took a recess yesterday, the court, court officers, members of the bar and jurors adjourned to the grand jury room, where Judge Hall happily solicited Juror C. E. Shepard of Marshfield on his approaching golden wedding anniversary, which occurs April 22, and in behalf of those present handed Mr. Shepard \$40 in gold. "Shep" was down and out for a minute or two, but when he found his voice he heartily thanked all present for the gift. He then sang "Gold, Gold, Gold," in a manner that won loud applause.

HOPE TO KEEP PASTOR.

Presbyterian Church Members Discus-
ed The Matter Last Night.

A meeting of the Presbyterian church members was held last evening to consider the possible resignation of their pastor, the Rev. W. C. McIntyre, to accept a call to the First Presbyterian church in Ogdensburg, N. Y. Alexander Hanton presided over the meeting and James S. Milne was the secretary. After considerable discussion, the meeting voted to request Mr. McIntyre to defer his decision on the matter for a week.

Another meeting is called for Tuesday evening, April 22. The expression of the meeting was that they would like to retain their pastor if possible.

The latter left this noon for Manchester, N. H., where he will attend the regular meeting of the presbytery of Boston, expecting to return to Barre either Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

MADE SIX POUNDS

TO TREE AVERAGE

George Jacobs of Enosburg Hill Had
Only 100 Trees Tapped and He's
Made 600 Pounds Already.

Enosburg, April 21.—George Jacobs of Enosburg Hill has made from 100 trees over 600 pounds of sugar, an average of six pounds to a tree so far this season.

Bethel, April 21.—This has been the best sugar season here in twenty years, being even better than '97 which was a record breaker. Prices are a little off, the best grade of syrup selling for 70 cents a gallon and sugar at ten cents a pound.

PTOMAIN POISONING.

Forty of State Police at Chester Under
The Weather.

Chester, Pa., April 21.—About forty members of the state police who are here as the result of disturbances arising out of the strike of the employees of the Chester Traction company are ill, and their ailment has been diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning. None are seriously ill. It is believed the trouble was caused by the men eating canned goods.

Cars are running and the city is quiet today.

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POLISHERS
ARE AGREEDCommittees Come to an Un-
derstanding

UNION TO ACT TO-DAY

On Report of Its Committee—Lumpers,
Boxers and Derrickmen Meet Until
Late at Night and Adjourn to
To-day—Not Yet Agreed.

After a nearly all-day session yesterday, the committees from the unions and the manufacturers reached an agreement just before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the same will be placed before the Polishers' union at a meeting to be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with a recommendation from the committee that it be accepted.

As the matter has not yet been acted on by the union, the terms of the agreement are not given out, but they are understood to be 34 cents for the first year, 36 the second and 37½ cents the third, minimum in each case, with no reduction in the wages of any man earning more.

It is expected that with the recommendation of the committee the agreement will be ratified by the union this afternoon, leaving, then, only the lumpers boxers and derrickmen with whom an agreement has not been reached. The committee from this union and from the manufacturers met last evening and were in session until after 1 o'clock this morning, but they came to no understanding. Another meeting of the committees is being held this afternoon.

As soon as these committees agree, a meeting of the Manufacturers' association will be called and all agreements will be signed up and the tie-up declared at an end.

TO MARRY OR NOT.

That Is the Problem Which Is Facing
Syrian Couple.